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6 March 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director
for Intelligence

SUBJECT : OC/CRS Cable Dissemination Study

Harry Eisenbeiss has sent me a copy of his memorandum to you of 2 March on the above subject. The memorandum concerns me on two grounds. First, in an endeavor to be impartial and even-handed, he has not set forth completely the arguments which favor CRS. Particularly, he does not mention that CRS is and has been in the business of disseminating documents on the basis of their substantive content for many years. Neither Commo nor Cable Secretariat has engaged nearly as extensively as CRS in this kind of dissemination, which is quite different from routing operational messages to addressees. Secondly, I believe it would be to our advantage not to surface the impasse prematurely. CRS has a viable, rapidly improving system while Commo has only grandiose (and very expensive) plans for some future and untried system. The longer CRS operates MAD the more it will be possible to demonstrate the efficacy of the system.

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